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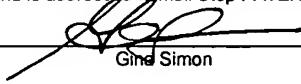
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SIR: This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior U.S. Application No. 10/144,652, filed May 10, 2002, of John C. Bauer, Dowain A. Wright, Jeffrey Carl Braman, and Raif S. Geha for Circular Site-Directed Mutagenesis.

1. Enclosed is a complete copy of prior U.S. Patent Application No. 10/144,652, filed May 10, 2002, including the drawings, if any. Also enclosed are copies of the Declaration and Power of Attorney documents and a Supplemental Communication filed in U.S. Patent Application No. 10/144,652, on May 10, 2002.
2. Enclosed is a substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125.
3. Enclosed is a Request for Non-Publication of Application and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. § 1.22(b)(2)(B)(i).
4. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
5. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application.

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The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee				\$770	\$770.00
	Number of Claims	Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	17	-	20	0	x \$18 \$0.00
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6. Please do not charge the filing fee to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.
7. A check in the amount of \$[Fee] to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
8. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or credit any overpayment during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.
9. This application will be completed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) upon receiving a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application. Applicants await notification from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Filing Fee.
10. Since applicants intend the present continuation application to have the same disclosure as parent Application No. 10/144,652, that application has been incorporated by reference into this application in an abundance of caution in the event that any of the disclosure of Application No. 10/144,652 is inadvertently omitted in this submission.
11. New formal drawings are enclosed.
12. The prior application is assigned of record to: Stratagene and Children's Medical Center Corporation
13. Priority of Application No. [Text], filed on [Text] in [Country] is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. A certified copy

is enclosed or is on file in the prior application.

14. A verified statement claiming small entity status
 is enclosed or is on file in the prior application.

15. The power of attorney in the prior application is to at least one of the following: FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P., Douglas B. Henderson, Reg. No. 20,291; Ford F. Farabow, Jr., Reg. No. 20,630; Arthur S. Garrett, Reg. No. 20,338; Donald R. Dunner, Reg. No. 19,073; Brian G. Brunsvold, Reg. No. 22,593; Tipton D. Jennings, IV, Reg. No. 20,645; Jerry D. Voight, Reg. No. 23,020; Laurence R. Heftet, Reg. No. 20,827; Kenneth E. Payne, Reg. No. 23,098; Herbert H. Mintz, Reg. No. 26,691; C. Larry O'Rourke, Reg. No. 26,014; Albert J. Santorelli, Reg. No. 22,610; Michael C. Elmer, Reg. No. 25,857; Richard H. Smith, Reg. No. 20,609; Stephen L. Peterson, Reg. No. 26,325; John M. Romary, Reg. No. 26,331; Bruce C. Zotter, Reg. No. 27,680; Dennis P. O'Reilley, Reg. No. 27,932; Allen M. Sokal, Reg. No. 26,695; Robert D. Bajefsky, Reg. No. 25,387; Richard L. Stroup, Reg. No. 28,478; David W. Hill, Reg. No. 28,220; Thomas L. Irving, Reg. No. 28,619; Charles E. Lipsey, Reg. No. 28,165; Thomas W. Winland, Reg. No. 27,605; Basil J. Lewris, Reg. No. 28,818; Martin I. Fuchs, Reg. No. 28,508; E. Robert Yoches, Reg. No. 30,120; Barry W. Graham, Reg. No. 29,924; Susan Haberman Griffen, Reg. No. 30,907; Richard B. Racine, Reg. No. 30,415; Thomas H. Jenkins, Reg. No. 30,857; Robert E. Converse, Jr., Reg. No. 27,432; Clair X. Mullen, Jr., Reg. No. 20,348; Christopher P. Foley, Reg. No. 31,354; John C. Paul, Reg. No. 30,413; David M. Kelly, Reg. No. 30,953; Kenneth J. Meyers, Reg. No. 25,146; Carol P. Einaudi, Reg. No. 32,220; Walter Y. Boyd, Jr., Reg. No. 31,738; Steven M. Anzalone, Reg. No. 32,095; Jean B. Fordis, Reg. No. 32,984; Roger D. Taylor, Reg. No. 28,992; Barbara C. McCurdy, Reg. No. 32,120; James K. Hammond, Reg. No. 31,964; Richard V. Burgujian, Reg. No. 31,744; J. Michael Jakes, Reg. No. 32,824; Thomas W. Banks, Reg. No. 32,719; Christopher P. Isaac, Reg. No. 32,616; Bryan C. Diner, Reg. No. 32,409; M. Paul Barker, Reg. No. 32,013; Andrew Chanho Sonu, Reg. No. 33,457; David S. Forman, Reg. No. 33,694; Vincent P. Kovalick, Reg. No. 32,867; James W. Edmondson, Reg. No. 33,871; Michael R. McGurk, Reg. No. 32,045; Joann M. Neth, Reg. No. 36,363; Gerson S. Panitch, Reg. No. 33,751; Cheri M. Taylor, Reg. No. 33,216; Charles E. Van Horn, Reg. No. 40,266; Linda A. Wadler, Reg. No. 33,218; Jeffrey A. Berkowitz, Reg. No. 36,743; Michael R. Kelly, Reg. No. 33,921; James B. Monroe, Reg. No. 33,971; Doris Johnson Hines, Reg. No. 34,629; Lori Ann Johnson, Reg. No. 34,498; R. Bruce Bower, Reg. No. 37,099; John Rissman, Reg. No. 33,764; Therese A. Hendricks, Reg. No. 30,389; Leslie I. Bookoff, Reg. No. 38,084; Michele C. Bosch, Reg. No. 40,524; Michael J. Flibbert, Reg. No. 33,234; Scott A. Herbst, Reg. No. 35,189; Leslie A.

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16. The power appears in the original declaration of the prior application.
17. Since the power does not appear in the original declaration, copies of two Revocations of Original Power of Attorney And Grant of New Power of Attorney and 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement in the prior Application No. 10/144,652 are enclosed.
18. Please address all correspondence to FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT and DUNNER, L.L.P., 1300 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005-3315; **Customer Number 22,852**.
19. Recognize as associate attorney _____
20. Also enclosed is _____.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION. If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in the parent Application No. 10/144,652, filed May 10, 2002, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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